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REMARKS

Claims 3-4, 8, and 11 have been canceled. Claims 1-2, 5-7, 9-10, and 12-15 are pending in the application.

Applicants, again, respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the 35 U.S.C. §
119 priority claim and receipt of certified copies of priority documents in parent Application No.
09/411,072. Applicants also request that the Examiner indicate acceptance of the drawings.

Claims 1-2, 5-7, 10, and 13-15 stand rejected under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,741,859 to Otsuka et al.

Applicants enclose a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner did not address remaining claims 9 and 12, and Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are patentable for at least the reasons enumerated in Applicants' previous Response to Office Action.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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